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SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVANTS HOUSES BOMBED

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1. BOMB PLANTED BETWEEN HOUSES TWO SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS NAMED BUXTON AND BELL IN HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN NIGHT MARCH 11 EXPLODED WITH CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES. TELEPHONE WARNING HAD BEEN GIVEN AND AREA EVACUATED, NAMES AND POSITIONS CIVIL SERVANTS NOT BEING PUBLISHED BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AND NOT TO BE NORTHERN IRISH. CONGEN HAS NOT HEARD OF THEM IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY OR PUBLIC INFORMATION RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY NOT RPT NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN. PERPETRATORS BOMBING UNKNOWN BUT WARNING AND IDENTITY OF TARGETS POINT TO PROVISIONAL IRA. CONGEN DISCOUNTS SPECULATION ONE BELFAST NEWSPAPER THAT BLAST WAS OPENING OF LOYALIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONTINUED DIRECT RULE.

2. YET ANOTHER SHOOTING, THIS TIME OF PROTESTANT MALE
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AT PUB NEAR LISBURN MARCH 11 BRINGS ASSASSINATION TOLL

TO 43 SO FAR THIS YEAR. LATEST VICTIM WAS TARGETED AND
KILLERS FORCED HIS GRANDSON TO LEAD THEM TO HIM.
SECTARIAN MOTIVE NOT ESTABLISHED.

3. IRISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS, A REPUBLICAN GROUP FOLLOWED
LOYALIST ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS (UFF) IN CLAIMING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR KILLING SAMMY SMYTH ULSTER DEFENSE
ASSOCIATION (UDA) FOUNDER. UDA SPOKESMAN HOWEVER DENIED
UFF INVOLVEMENT AND BLAMED EITHER PROVISIONAL IRA OR
UNSPECIFIED REPUBLICAN LEFTIST ORGANIZATION.

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